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INTRODUCTION.

FROM the poetry of the Psalter and the Book of Job, we turn to the Song of Songs and to the majestic circle of poets in the prophetic books. In the one, poetry finds its loveliest love-song, its most moving accents :

“Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

“The flowers appear on the earth ; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

“The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

In the other, in the Prophets, we come upon the terrible argument of the love and wrath of Jahveh, expressed with a divine fire that has given poetry its most fervent imagery :

“Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

“And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.”

In these tremendous echoes we cannot expect the lyric melody of the Psalter. It is a poetry of a sterner mould, whose music depends

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upon harmony. The spirit of the Psalter, it has been said by one who forgot perhaps its more sombre effects, is of the day. The spirit of the prophets is certainly of night: death, and night, and the vision of judgment.

In the psalms, too, the poet, though he has a national as well as an individual sentiment, is more personal, and more simply lyrical. In the prophets, we have wider and wider themes: the tragedy of all Israel, confronted by Assyrian armies; the cry of the nations, the iteration of the Messianic hope, the pathetic longing of an oppressed race for the destined deliverer. The psalmists hinted at these things; but in the main they uttered their own personal desires, and joy of life, and delight in God. The lyric poet, pure and simple, stands 'as it were outside history. The gnomic poet, the prophet, to have his last effect, needs to have his epic scenery about him, and to be referred to that resounding Past, in whose titanic periods we hear the tramp of armies and the noise of trumpets, with a refrain of cities fallen and man at odds with destiny.

These divine songs from Isaiah and the other prophets, lyric as they are by the liberal standard we have adopted, need that their epic context and historic colour be remembered, to gain their full force. In the book of Isaiah, it is Jerusalem whose streets live again, at a recall of twenty-five centuries, but a Jerusalem with what a background, with the great plains, and Babylon and all the Assyrian enginery in the distance, and with the rumour

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at its gates of those terrible names : Tiglath Pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib.

Amidst those strange and archaic dynasties Isaiah lived. The call to be a poet and prophet came to him, he tells us, in the last year of King Uzziah—that is about 740 B.C. In the following years, Tiglath Pileser is rampant in the lands to the north ; and we find Isaiah, on the birth of a son, using the child to point, with the delightfully homely imagery which the greater poets do not disdain, the impending fall of Damascus : “ For before the child shall have knowledge to cry my father and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the King of Assyria.” In 732, Tiglath Pileser took Damascus, and Jerusalem stands afraid, as the record of his terrible march is rehearsed in Isaiah’s sounding lines. It is like some finer chronicle of the advance of a Napoleon, written in modern times with the names of familiar places :

“ He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron ; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages :

“ They are gone over the passage : they have taken up their lodging at Geba ; Ramah is afraid ; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

“ Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim : cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

“ Madmenah is removed ; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.”

And then, ominous refrain :

“ He shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.”

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To understand something of the contemporary effect of that march of a militant nation, with a national zest for war and the pride of arms, against a pastoral race like the Israelites, one must revive an actual Babylon, as well as an actual Jerusalem. For this, one may piece together some of those vast fragments of Assyrian architecture in the British Museum ; with their mysterious inscriptions of the rise and fall of kings and empires.

The architecture of Assyria, says Sir Frederic Leighton in one of his Academy Discourses, "is mainly palatial and expressive of the power of a ruthless race of kings ; for Assyria in the days of its greatness was as a vast camp spread about the throne of a fighting monarch, and the Assyrians were a breed of warriors, fierce and without fear, casting down their enemies, in the words of Isaiah, 'as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm.' " And the pride of splendour, too, was strong within them. Would you see an Assyrian king in all his love of luxury and in his lust of blood ? Then look where Assar-ban-habal sits with his queen, carved on an alabaster slab now in the British Museum. Amongst the palm-trees of the Royal Gardens, his weapons laid aside, but at hand, he reclines on a sumptuous couch, curiously wrought, and spread with stuffs from the famous looms of Babylon ; opposite to him on a throne, sits the queen. . . . On what is the great king gazing across the bubbles of his wine ? Not at the golden date palms, not at the simmering plain, not at the sky's blue tint,—nor

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even, I fear, on the features of the queen. His eye rests, in plain contemplation, upon an object hung full in view on a bough before him, the sweetest sight of all ; his enemy's hated head, dangling dishonoured upside down."

The pomp, the insolent wealth and luxury, the splendour, of Babylon, were growing to their cliptactic height during Baiah's career. "It was the London of the seventh century before Christ ; but with what a difference. Its immense walls contained an area as wide as that of modern London ; its temple of Belus, its tower of Nimrod, its hanging gardens, terraces, palaces and caged Euphrates, make our modern splendours look foolish. Later, and just before the death of Nebuchadnezzar, it was at its zenith. "The spoils of Nineveh, Jerusalem, and Egypt had enriched it ; its armies had swept like a torrent over the finest countries of the east : the arts and sciences were centred here, and hither came the philosophers of the west." Too much power and wealth indeed. The rot of luxury was already working at its walls. We know how its fall came, related with such sombre tragedy in the dark, magnificent Book of Daniel, which forms, as it were, the epic conclusion to the reiterated forewarning of the poets and watchmen of Israel : "Babylon is fallen, is fallen."

Of all that ancient splendour, what is left ? A few mouldering walls in the desert, a few relics in the museums of a later civilisation. But the mournful song, and the psalm of deliverance, that Isaiah sang, lives for ever.

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It is the fortune of the true poets, their compensation for the thousand ills,

“Not marble, nor the gilded monuments

Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme.”

As with the line of kings in Assyria, Chaldea, and Egypt, the Sargons and Belshazzars, and the rest, once so powerful and now so lost in time, we carry on the line of the immortal poets who have outlasted them. Isaiah is said to have died no peaceful death. Tradition tells us he was martyred after the accession of Manasseh, by being sawn asunder. Born early in the sixth century B.C., about a century later than his great predecessor, Jeremiah naturally succeeds him, finding also his familiar associations in Jerusalem. But it is another Jerusalem, whose fall is imminent at the hands of the Chaldeans; and then, whose downfall is accomplished:—

“How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary.”

“The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.”

Jerusalem, city of a thousand sighs, a thousand aspirations; the crown and the shame of Israel: the Queen that demeaned herself with false lovers, and fell; the darling child that became an adultress: Jerusalem serves as no other city ever did, for the symbol of the ideal city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and that the poets and the prophets, that she

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sometimes so entreated, loved only the more for her sins.

"Again, I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O Virgin of Israel; thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry!"

Not only Jeremiah of old time, but the mediæval Jehudah ben Halevy, as narrated by Heine in his haunting poem of later time, serves to keep for us her sorrowful remembrance. In Heine's poem, Jehudah returns to Jerusalem, and amid her ruins, sings once again, as Jeremiah did, her lament:—

"That lay of pearled tears is the wide-famed lament, which is sung in all the scattered tents of Jacob throughout the world,

"On the ninth day of the month which is called Ab, on the anniversary of Jerusalem's destruction by Titus Vespasianus.

"Yes, that is the song of Sion, which Jehuda ben Halevy sang with his dying breath amid the holy ruins of Jerusalem.

"Barefoot, and in penitential weeds, he sate there upon a fragment of a fallen column, down to his breast fell,

"Like a grey forest, his hair, and cast a weird shadow on the face which looked out through it, his troubled pale face, with the spiritual eyes.

"So he sate and saw, like unto a seer out of the fore-time to look upon: Jeremiah, the Ancient, seemed to have risen out of his grave.

"But a bold Saracen came riding that way, aloft on his barb, lolling on his saddle, and brandishing a naked javelin;

"Into the breast of the poor singer he plunged his deadly shaft, and shot away like a winged shadow.

"Quietly flowed the Rabbi's life-blood, quietly

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he sang his song to an end, and his last dying sigh was Jerusalem."

In these pathetic lines of Heine we have again a sign of how the ancient music of the Bible has affected modern poetry. If poetry be indeed the divine thing, and poets the finer instruments of the eternal verities, that was claimed in the "Prelude to Poetry," this is as it should be. And the more poetry returns to such living sources, as those at which the prophetic poets of old time drank deep, the more chance of its continuing their great tradition in our own day.

From David, through the unknown authors of the Book of Job, and the Song of Songs, through Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; through Amos the shepherd, and Hosea, and Malachi: what a noble and sublime chorus it is. Its music only ends at last rounding the great Messianic tradition that runs like a refrain through so many of its psalms and poems, with the divine songs that announce the Christian fulfilment of their prophecy. And there it fitly ends. But whether as the lyric flowering of the strange history of that inspired people to which David and Isaiah and Jehuda ben Halevy, and Spinoza and Heine, belonged; or, as a part of our own poetry, which has affected indeed our whole spirit and mode of speech: it is the most moving and inspiring body of imaginative song which we possess. As Milton said: "of all the Lyric kind,—incomparable!"

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Mitte Panem.

Ecclesiastes xi.

CAST thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it after many days.

Give a portion to seven, and also to eight : for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth : and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow ; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child : even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand : for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.



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Memento Creatoris Tui.

Ecclesiastes xii.

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them ;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain :

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low ;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail : because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets :

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was : and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.



THE SONG OF SONGS.

Osculetur Me.

Song of Songs i.

LET him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth : for thy love is better than wine.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

Draw me, we will run after thee : the king hath brought me into his chambers : we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine : the upright love thee.

I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me : my mother's children were angry with me ; they made me the keeper of the vineyards ; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon : for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions ?

If thou know not, O thou fairest among



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women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.

Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.



Ego Rosa.

Song of Songs ii.

I AM the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I

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sat down under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banquetting house, and
his banner over me was love.

Stay me with flagons, comfort me with
apples: for I am sick of love.

His left hand is under my head, and his
right hand doth embrace me.

I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
by the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he
please.

The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh
leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the
hills.

My beloved is like a roe or a young hart:
behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh
forth at the windows, shewing himself through
the lattice.

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise
up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over
and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time
of the singing of birds is come, and the voice
of the turtle is heard in our land;

The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and
the vines with the tender grape give a good
smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come
away.

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy
countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet
is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

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Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines : for our vines have tender grapes.

My beloved is mine, and I am his : he feedeth among the lilies.

Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.



In Lectulo Meo.

Song of Songs iii.

BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth : I sought him, but I found him not.

I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth : I sought him, but I found him not.

The watchmen that go about the city found me : to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth ?

It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth : I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor wake my love, till he please.

Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness

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like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant ?

Behold his bed, which is Solomon's ; three-score valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel.

They all hold swords, being expert in war : every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.



Quam Pulchra
Es.

Song of Songs, iv.

BEHOLD, thou art fair, my love ; behold, thou art fair ; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks : thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing ; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy

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speech is comely : thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

Thou art all fair, my love ; there is no spot in thee.

Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon : look from the top of Amara, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse ; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck. "

How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse ! how much better is thy love than wine ! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices !

Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honey-comb : honey and milk are under thy tongue ; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse ; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits ; camphire, with spikenard,

Spikenard and saffron ; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense ; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices :

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A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters,
and streams from Lebanon.

Awake, O north wind; and come, thou
south; blow upon my garden, that the spices
thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come
into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.



Veni in Hortum.

Song of Songs v.

I AM come into my garden, my sister, my
spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my
spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my
honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk:
eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly,
O beloved.

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice
of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to
me, my sister, my love, my dove, my unde-
filed: for my head is filled with dew, and my
locks with the drops of the night.

I have put off my coat; how shall I put it
on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile
them?

My beloved put in his hand by the hole of
the door, and my bowels were moved for him.

I rose up to open to my beloved; and my
hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers
with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles
of the lock.

I opened to my beloved; but my beloved

Lyrics from the Bible.

had withdrawn himself, and was gone : my soul failed when he spake : I sought him, but I could not find him ; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me ; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women ? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us ?

My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven.

His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.

His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers : his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl : his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold : his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

His mouth is most sweet : yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

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Quo Abiit.

Song of Songs vi

WHITHER is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.

My Beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine : he feedeth among the lilies.

Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me : thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.

As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.

There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

My dove, my undefiled is but one ; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her ; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

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I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded.

Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Ammi-nadib.

Return, return, O Shulamite ; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite ? As it were the company of two armies.



Quam Pulchri.

Song of Songs vii.

How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter ! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor : thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.

Thy neck is as a tower of ivory ; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim : thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple ; the king is held in the galleries.

How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights !

Lyrics from the Bible.

This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.

Come, my beloved let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.



Quis Mihi Det. - Song of Songs viii.

O THAT thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

Lyrics from the Bible.

His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, would utterly be contemned.

We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?

If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.

Solomon had a vineyard at Baalhamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver.

My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.





THE POETRY OF THE PROPHEPIC BOOKS.

Audite Cœli.

The vision of Isaiah.—
Isaiah i.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth :
for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished
and brought up children, and they have re-
belled against me.

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his
master's crib : but Israel doth not know, my
people doth not consider.

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity,
a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters :
they have forsaken the Lord, they have pro-
voked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they
are gone away backward.

Why should ye be stricken any more? ye
will revolt more and more : the whole head is
sick, and the whole heart faint.

From the sole of the foot even unto the head
there is no soundness in it ; but wounds, and
bruises, and putrifying sores : they have not
been closed, neither bound up, neither molli-
fied with ointment.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire : your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom ; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me ? saith the Lord : I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts ; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts ?

Bring no more vain oblations ; incense is an abomination unto me ; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with ; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth : they are a trouble unto me ; I am weary to bear them.

And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you : yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear : your hands are full of blood.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Wash you, make you clean ; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ; cease to do evil ;

Learn to do well ; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land :

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword : for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

How is the faithful city become an harlot ! It was full of judgment ; righteousness lodged in it ; but now murderers.

Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water ;

Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves : every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards : they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies :

And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin :

And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning : after-

Lyrics from the Bible.

ward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

For ~~they~~ shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.



Et Erit.

The Mountain of the Lord.—Isaiah ii.

AND it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills ; and all nations shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob ; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths : for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people : and ~~they~~ shall beat

Lyrics from the Bible.

their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

Lyrics from the Bible.

And upon all the high mountains, and upon
all the hills that are lifted up,

And upon every high tower, and upon every
fenced wall,

And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon
all pleasant pictures.

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed
down, and the haughtiness of men shall be
made low : and the Lord alone shall be exalted
in that day.

And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks,
and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the
Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he
ariseth to shake terribly the earth.



Cantabo Dilecto Meo.

The Song of the Well-
beloved.—Isaiah v.

NOW will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of
my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-
beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful
hill :

And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones
thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine,
and built a tower in the midst of it, and also
made a winepress therein : and he looked that
it should bring forth grapes, and it brought
forth wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and

Lyrics from the Bible.

men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

And now go to ; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard : I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up ; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down :

And I will lay it waste : it shall not be pruned, nor digged ; but there shall come up briers and thorns : I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant : and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression ; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth !

In mine ears said the Lord of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink ; that continue until night, till wine inflame them !

Lyrics from the Bible.

And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished. and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Lyrics from the Bible.

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink :

Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust : because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them : and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth : and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly :

None shall be weary nor stumble among them ; none shall slumber nor sleep ; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken :

Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind :

Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions : yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

Lýrics from the Bible.

And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea : and if ~~one~~ look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.



Sanctus, Sanctus, The Consecration of
Sanctus. Isaiah.—Isaiah vi.

Iⁿ the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims : each one had six wings ; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts : the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me ! for I am undone ; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips : for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar : And he laid it upon my mouth, and said,

Lo, this hath touched thy lips ; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,

Lyrics from the Bible.

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.



Ecce Virgo Concipiet.

Isaiah's Prophecy of
the Messiah.—Isaiah vii.

BEHOLD, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

For before the child shall know to refuse the

Lyrics from the Bible.

evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

The Lord shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns : but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.



Populus, qui
Ambulabat in
Tenebris.

The Coming of the
Prince of Peace.—Isaiah
ix.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light : they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy : they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood ; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace

Lyrics from the Bible.

there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.



Væ qui
Condunt.

The Fall of Assyria.
—Isaiah x.

WOE unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed ;

To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless !

And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far ? to whom will ye flee for help ? and where will ye leave your glory ?

Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take

Lyrics from the Bible.

the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?

As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up,

Lyrics from the Bible.

or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.

And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Et Egredietur Virga.

The Rod of Jesse.—
Isaiah xi.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots :

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord ;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord : and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears :

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth : and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid ; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together ; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed ; their young ones shall lie down together : and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

Lyrics from the Bible.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain : for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people ; to it shall the Gentiles seek : and his rest shall be glorious.



Levate Signum. The Burden of Babylon.
—Isaiah xiii.

LIFT ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness.

The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people ; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together : the Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Howl ye ; for the day of the Lord is at hand ; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt :

Lyrics from the Bible.

And they shall be afraid : pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them ; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth : they shall be amazed one at another ; their faces shall be as flames.

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate : and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light : the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity ; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

I will make a man more precious than fine gold ; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up : they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

Every one that is found shall be thrust through ; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes ; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

Their bows a'so shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Quo modo
Cessavit.

A Prophecy against the
King of Babylon.—Isaiah
xiv.

How hath the oppressor ceased ! the golden
city ceased !

The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked,
and the sceptre of the rulers.

He who smote the people in wrath with a
continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in
anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet : they
break forth into singing.

Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the
cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid
down, no feller is come up against us.

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet
thee at thy coming : it stirreth up the dead for
thee, even all the chief ones of the earth ; it
hath raised up from their thrones all the kings
of the nations.

All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art
thou also become weak as we ? art thou be-
come like unto us ?

Thy pomp is brought down to the grave,
and the noise of thy viols : the worm is spread
under thee, and the worms cover thee.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,
son of the morning ! how art thou cut down to
the ground, which didst weaken the nations !

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will
ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne

Lyrics from the Bible.

above the stars of God : I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north :

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds ;
I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms ;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof ; that opened not the house of his prisoners ?

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit ; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people : the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers ; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the Lord.

I will also make it a possession for the bittern,

Lyrics from the Bible.

and pools of water : and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass ; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand :

That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot : then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth : and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it ? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back ?

In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken : for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety : and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

Howl, O gate ; cry, O city ; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved : for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation ? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

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Quia Nocte.

The Burden of Moab.—
Isaiah xv.

BECAUSE in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;

He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

For the cry is gone round about the borders

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of Moab ; the howling thereof unto Eglaim,
and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

For the waters of Dimon shall be full of
blood : for I will bring more upon Dimon,
lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and
upon the remnant of the land.



Ecce

The Burden of Damascus.

Damascus.

—Isaiah xvii.

BEHOLD, Damascus is taken away from
being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

The cities of Aroer are forsaken : they shall
be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none
shall make them afraid.

The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim,
and the kingdom from Damascus, and the
remnant of Syria : they shall be as the glory of
the children of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts.

And in that day it shall come to pass, that
the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the
fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

And it shall be as when the harvestman
gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with
his arm ; and it shall be as he that gathereth
ears in the valley of Rephaim.

Yet gleanings shall be left in it, as the
shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in
the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in
the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the
Lord God of Israel.

Lyrics from the Bible.

At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel : and there shall be desolation.

Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shall set it with strange slips :

In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish : but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas ; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters !

The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters : but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

And behold at eventide trouble ; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Væ Terræ !

Ethiopia threatened.—
Isaiah xviii.

WOE to the land shadowing with wings,
which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia :

That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even
in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying,
Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered
and peeled, to a people terrible from their
beginning hitherto ; a nation meted out and
trodden down, whose land the rivers have
spoiled !

All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers
on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an
ensign on the mountains ; and when he bloweth
a trumpet, hear ye.

For so the Lord said unto me, I will take my
rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place
like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud
of dew in the heat of harvest.

For afore the harvest, when the bud is per-
fect, and the sour grape is ripening in the
flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with
pruning hooks, and take away and cut down
the branches.

They shall be left together unto the fowls of
the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth :
and the fowls shall summer upon them, and
all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon
them.

In that time shall the present be brought
unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered

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and peeled, and from a people terrible fi
their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out
and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers
have spoiled, to the place of the name of the
Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.



Ecce Dominus. The Burden of Egypt.
—Isaiah xix.

BEHOLD, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud,
and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of
Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the
heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

And I will set the Egyptians against the
Egyptians: and they shall fight every one
against his brother, and every one against his
neighbour; city against city, and kingdom
against kingdom.

And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the
midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel
thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and
to the charmers, and to them that have familiar
spirits, and to the wizards.

And the Egyptians will I give over into the
hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall
rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord of
hosts.

And the waters shall fail from the sea, and
the river shall be wasted and dried up.

And they shall turn the rivers far away; and

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the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up : the reeds and flags shall wither.

The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

* The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.

And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish : how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the Lord of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived ; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

The Lord hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof : and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

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Sicut Turbines. The Burden of the Desert of the Sea.—Isaiah xxi.

As whirlwinds in the south pass through ; so
it cometh from the desert, from a terrible
land.

A grievous vision is declared unto me ; the
treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and
the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam : besiege,
O Media ; all the sighing thereof have I made
to cease.

Therefore are my loins filled with pain :
pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs
of a woman that travaileth : I was bowed down
at the hearing of it ; I was dismayed at the
seeing of it.

My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me :
the night of my pleasure hath he turned into
fear unto me.

Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower,
eat, drink : arise, ye princes, and anoint the
shield.

For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go,
set a watchman, let him declare what he
seeth. And he saw a chariot with a couple
of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot
of camels ; and he hearkened diligently with
much heed : And he cried, A lion : My lord, I
stand continually upon the watchtower in the
daytime, and I am set in my ward whole
nights : And, behold, here cometh a chariot of
men, with a couple of horsemen.

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And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

O my threshing, and the corn of my floor : that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.



Ad Me Clamat. The Burden of Dumah,
and the Burden upon
Arabia.—Isaiah xxi.

HE calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night : if ye will enquire, enquire ye : return, come.

In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.

The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Quidnam Tibi Est.

The Burden of the Valley
of Vision.—Isaiah xxii.

WHAT aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.

Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.

And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest.

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Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many : and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool : but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

And in that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth :

And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine : let us eat and drink ; for to-morrow we shall die.

And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts.

Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,

What hast thou here ? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock ?

Behold, the Lord will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country : there shalt

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thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.



Ululate Naves. The Burden of Tyre. —Isaiah xxiii.

HOWL, ye ships of Tarshish ; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in : from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle ; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue ; and she is a mart of nations.

Be thou ashamed, O Zidon : for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

Pass ye over to Tarshish ; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days ? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

Who hath taken this council against Tyre,

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the crowning city, whose merchants are princes,
whose traffickers are the honourable of the
earth?

The Lord of hosts hath purposed it, to stain
the pride of all glory, and to bring into con-
tempt all the honourable of the earth.

Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter
of Tarshish : there is no more strength.

He stretched out his hand over the sea, he
shook the kingdoms : the Lord hath given a
commandment against the merchant city, to
destroy the strong holds thereof.

And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O
thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon :
arise, pass over to Chittim ; there also shalt
thou have no rest.

Behold the land of the Chaldeans ; this
people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for
them that dwell in the wilderness : they set up
the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces
thereof ; and he brought it to ruin.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish : for your strength
is laid waste.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that
Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, accord-
ing to the days of one king : after the end of
seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot
that hast been forgotten ; make sweet melody,
sing many songs, that thou mayest be re-
membered.

And it shall come to pass after the end of
seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre,
and she shall turn to her hire, and shall

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commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord : it shall not be treasured nor laid up ; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.



Dominus Dissi-
pabit Terram.

A Prophecy of Evil to
come.—Isaiah xxiv.

BEHOLD, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest ; as with the servant, so with his master ; as with the maid, so with her mistress ; as with the buyer, so with the seller ; as with the lender, so with the borrower ; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled : for the Lord hath spoken this word.

The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof ; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

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Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth,
and they that dwell therein are desolate : there-
fore the inhabitants of the earth are burned,
and few men left.

The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth,
all the merry-hearted do sigh.

The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of
them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp
ceaseth.

They shall not drink wine with a song ;
strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink
it.

The city of confusion is broken down : every
house is shut up, that no man may come in.

There is a crying for wine in the streets : all
joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

In the city is left desolation, and the gate is
smitten with destruction.

When thus it shall be in the midst of the land
among the people, there shall be as the shaking
of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes
when the vintage is done.

They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing
for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud
from the sea.

Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires,
even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the
isles of the sea. •

From the uttermost part of the earth have
we heard songs, even glory to the righteous.
But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe
unto me ! the treacherous dealers have dealt
treacherously ; yea, the treacherous dealers
have dealt very treacherously.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit ; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare : for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage ; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it ; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Domine Deus Meus.

A Prophecy of Good to
come.—Isaiah xxv.

O LORD, thou art my God ; I will exalt thee,
I will praise thy name ; for thou hast done
wonderful things ; thy counsels of old are
faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast made of a city an heap ; of
a defenced city a ruin : a palace of strangers
to be no city ; it shall never be built.

Therefore shall the strong people glorify
thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear
thee.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a
strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge
from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when
the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm
against the wall.

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers,
as the heat in a dry place ; even the heat with
the shadow of a cloud : the branch of the
terrible ones shall be brought low.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts
make unto all people a feast of fat things, a
feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of
marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

And he will destroy in this mountain the
face of the covering cast over all people, and
the vail that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory ; and
the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all

Lyrics from the Bible.

faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God: we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord: we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.



Urbs Fortitudinis.

A Song sung in the Land of Judah.—Isaiah lxxvi.

WE have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

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Trust ye in the Lord for ever : for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength :

For he bringeth down them that dwell on high ; the lofty city, he layeth it low ; he layeth it low, even to the ground ; he bringeth it even to the dust.

The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

The way of the just is uprightness : thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee : the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night ; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early : for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness : in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see : but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people ; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us : for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other Lords beside thee have had dominion over us : but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

They are dead, they shall not live ; they are deceased, they shall not rise : therefore hast

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thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation : thou art glorified : thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs ; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord.

We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind ; we have not wrought **any** deliverance in the earth ; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust : for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Væ Ariel.

The Judgment upon
Jerusalem.—Isaiah xxix.

WOE to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt ! add ye year to year ; let them kill sacrifices.

Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow : and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away : yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.

It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth ; but he

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awaketh, and his soul is empty : or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh ; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite : so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Stay yourselves, and wonder ; cry ye out, and cry : they are drunken, but not with wine ; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes : the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee : and he saith, I cannot ; for it is sealed :

And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee : and he saith, I am not learned.

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men :

Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder : for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in

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the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay : for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

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Ecce Rex.

The Blessings of the
Messiah.—Isaiah xxxii.

BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness,
and princes shall rule in judgment.

And a man shall be as an hiding place from
the wind, and a covert from the tempest ; as
rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of
a great rock in a weary land.

And the eyes of them that see shall not be
dim, and the ears of them that hear shall
hearken.

The heart also of the rash shall understand
knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers
shall be ready to speak plainly.

The vile person shall be no more called
liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

For the vile person will speak villany, and
his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypo-
crisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to
make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will
cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

The instruments also of the churl are evil :
he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor
with lying words, even when the needy speaketh
right.

But the liberal deviseth liberal things : and
by liberal things shall he stand.

Rise up, ye women that are at ease ; hear my
voice, ye careless daughters ; give ear unto my
speech.

Many days and years shall ye be troubled,

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ye careless women : for the vintage shall fail,
the gathering shall not come.

Tremble, ye women that are at ease ; be
troubled, ye careless ones : strip you, and
make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your
loins.

They shall lament for the teats, for the
pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

Upon the land of my people shall come up
thorns and briers ; yea, upon all the houses of
joy in the joyous city :

Because the palaces shall be forsaken ; the
multitude of the city shall be left ; the forts and
towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild
asses, a pasture of flocks.

Until the spirit be poured upon us from on
high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and
the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

And the work of righteousness shall be
peace ; and the effect of righteousness quiet-
ness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable
habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet
resting places ;

When it shall hail, coming down on the
forest ; and the city shall be low in a low
place.

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters,
that send forth thither the feet of the ox and
the ass.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Accedite Gentes.

The Bitter Vengeance
of God.—Isaiah xxxiv.

COME near, ye nations, to hear ; and hearken, ye people : let the earth hear, and all that is therein ; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies : he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

Their slain also shall be cast out, and then stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll : and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven : behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams : for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls ; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

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For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance,
and the year of recompences for the controversy
of Zion.

And the streams thereof shall be turned into
pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone,
and the land thereof shall become burning
pitch.

It shall not be quenched night nor day ; the
smoke thereof shall go up for ever : from
generation to generation it shall lie waste ;
none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

But the cormorant and the bittern shall
possess it ; the owl also and the raven shall
dwell in it : and he shall stretch out upon it the
line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

They shall call the nobles thereof to the
kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her
princes shall be nothing.

And thorns shall come up in her palaces,
nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof :
and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a
court for owls.

The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet
with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr
shall cry to his fellow ; the screech owl also
shall rest there, and find for herself a place of
rest.

There shall the great owl make her nest, and
lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow :
there shall the vultures also be gathered, every
one with her mate.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Requirit in Libro.

The Return to Zion.—
Isaiah xxxiv. and xxxv

SEEK ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

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And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water : in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness ; the unclean shall not pass over it ; but it shall be for those : the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there ; but the redeemed shall walk there :

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads : they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



In Dimidio Dierum.

The Writing of Hezekiah, King of Judah, when he was Recovered of his Sickness.—Isaiah xxxviii.

I SAID in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave : I am deprived of the residuc of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living : I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent : I have cut off like a weaver my life : he will cut me off with pining

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sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee, they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Consolamini.

The Comforting of Jerusalem.—Isaiah xl.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with

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strength ; lift it up, be not afraid ; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God !

Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him : behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd : he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance ?

Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him ?

With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding ?

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance : behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

All nations before him are as nothing ; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

To whom then will ye liken God ? or what likeness will ye compare unto him ?

The workman melteth a graven image, and

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the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot ; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers ; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in :

That bringeth the princes to nothing ; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

Yea, they shall not be planted ; yea, they shall not be sown : yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth : and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number : he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power ; not one faileth.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator

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of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



**Ecce Servus
Meus.**

A Song of the Messiah.
—Isaiah xlii.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh

Lyrics from the Bible.

out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein :

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles ;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord : that is my name : and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare : before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein ; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit : let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war : he shall cry, yea, roar ; he shall prevail against his enemies.

I have long time holden my peace ; I have been still, and refrained myself : now I will cry like a travailing woman : I will destroy and devour at once.

I will make waste mountains and hills, and

Lyrics from the Bible.

dry up all their herbs ; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not ; I will lead them in paths that they have not known : I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our Gods.

Hear, ye deaf ; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

Who is blind, but my servant ? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent ? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant ?

Seeing many things, but thou observest not ; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake ; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

But this is a people robbed and spoiled ; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses : they are for a prey, and none delivereth ; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Who among you will give ear to this ? who will hearken and hear for the time to come ?

Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers ? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned ? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle : and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not ; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.



Noli Timere.

The Omnipotence of
the Lord.—Isaiah xliii.

BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not : for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name ; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour : I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee : therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Fear not : for I am with thee : I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west ;

I will say to the north, Give up ; and to the south, Keep not back : bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth ;

Lyrics from the Bible.

Even every one that is called by my name :
for I have created him for my glory, I have
formed him ; yea, I have made him.

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes,
and the deaf that have ears.

Let all the nations be gathered together, and
let the people be assembled : who among them
can declare this, and show us former things ?
let them bring forth their witnesses, that they
may be justified : or let them hear, and say, It
is truth.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my
servant whom I have chosen : that ye may
know and believe me, and understand that I
am he : before me there was no God formed,
neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the Lord ; and beside me there
is no Saviour.

I have declared, and have saved, and I have
shewed, when there was no strange god among
you : therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the
Lord, that I am God.

Yea, before the day was I am he ; and there
is none that can deliver out of my hand : I will
work, and who shall let it ?

Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the
Holy One of Israel ; For your sake I have sent
to Babylon, and have brought down all their
nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the
ships.

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator
of Israel, your King.

Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in
the sea, and a path in the mighty waters ;

Lyrics from the Bible.

Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.

Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers
have transgressed against me.

Therefore I have profaned the princes of the
sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse,
and Israel to reproaches.



Hæc Dicit
Dominus.

The Prophecy of Cyrus,
victories over Babylon.—
Isaiah xlv.

I HUS saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus.
whose right hand I have holden, to subdue
nations before him ; and I will loose the loins
of kings, to open before him the two leaved
gates ; and the gates shall not be shut ;

I will go before thee, and make the crooked
places straight : I will break in pieces the gates
of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron :

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness,
and hidden riches of secret places, that thou
mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee
by thy name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine
elect, I have even called thee by thy name : I
have surnamed thee, though thou hast not
known me.

I am the Lord, and there is none else, there
is no God beside me : I girded thee, though
thou hast not known me :

That they may know from the rising of the
sun, and from the west, that there is none

Lyrics from the Bible.

beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.

I form the light, and create darkness : I make peace, and create evil : I the Lord do all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness : let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together ; I the Lord have created it.

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker ! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

I have made the earth, and created man upon it : I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways : he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts.

Thus saith the Lord, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine : they shall come after thee ;

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in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee ; and there is none else, there is no God.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them : they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation : ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens ; God himself that formed the earth and made it ; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited : I am the Lord ; and there is none else.

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth : I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain : I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

Assemble yourselves and come ; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations : they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

Tell ye, and bring them near ; yea, let them take counsel together : who hath declared this from ancient time ? who hath told it from that time ? have not I the Lord ? and there is no God else beside me ; a just God and a Saviour ; there is none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth : for I am God, and there is none else.

Lyrics from the Bible.

I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength : even to him shall men come ; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.



Audite Insulæ.

The Leader of the Nations.—Isaiah xlix.

LISTEN, O isles, unto me ; and hearken, ye people, from far ; The Lord hath called me from the womb ; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword ; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft ; in his quiver hath he hid me ;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain : yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not

Lyrics from the Bible.

gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel : I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. "

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee : and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages ;

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth ; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

They shall not hunger nor thirst ; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them : for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

Behold, these shall come from far : and, lo, these from the north and from the west ; and these from the land of Sinim.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth;
and break forth into singing, O mountains:
for the Lord hath comforted his people, and
will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me,
and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that
she should not have compassion on the son of
her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not
forget thee.

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms
of my hands; thy walls are continually before
me.

Thy children shall make haste; thy de-
stroyers and they that made thee waste shall
go forth of thee.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold:
all these gather themselves together, and come
to thee. As I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt
surely clothe thee with them all, as with an
ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride
doeth.

For thy waste and thy desolate places, and
the land of thy destruction, shall even now be
too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and
they that swallowed thee up shall be far
away.

The children which thou shalt have, after
thou hast lost the other, shall say again in
thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give
place to me that I may dwell.

Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who
hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my
children, and am desolate, a captive, and re-

Lyrics from the Bible.

moving to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Audite Me.

The Exhortation of
Zion.—Isaiah li.

HEARKEN to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord : look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you : for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion : he will comfort all her waste places ; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord ; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Hearken unto me, my people ; and give ear unto me, O my nation : for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

My righteousness is near ; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people ; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath : for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner : but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteous-

Lyrics from the Bible.

ness, the people in whose heart is my law ; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool : but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord ; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon ?

Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep ; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over ?

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion ; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head : they shall obtain gladness and joy ; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you : who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass ;

And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth ; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy ? and where is the fury of the oppressor ?

The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

Lyrics from the Bible.

But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves^s roared: The Lord of hosts is his name.

And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.

Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

Thus saith thy Lord the Lord, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

But I will put it into the hand of them that

Lyrics from the Bible.

afflict thee ; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over : and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.



Consurge, Con-
surge !

The Redemption.—
Isaiah lii.

AWAKE, awake ; put on thy strength, O Zion ; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city : for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Shake thyself from the dust ; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem : loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought ; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there ; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

Now therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that my people is taken away for nought ? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord ; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

Therefore my people shall know my name :

Lyrics from the Bible.

therefore they shall know in that day that I
am he that doth speak : behold, it is I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that
publisheth peace ; that bringeth good tidings
of good, that publisheth salvation ; that saith
unto Zion, Thy God reigneth

Thy watchman shall lift up the voice ; with
the voice together shall they sing : for they
shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring
again Zion.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste
places of Jerusalem : for the Lord hath com-
forted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in
the eyes of all the nations ; and all the ends of
the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,
touch no unclean thing ; go ye out of the midst
of her ; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the
Lord.

For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go
by flight : for the Lord will go before you ;
and the God of Israel will be your rereward.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Quis Credidit.

The Man of Sorrows.—
Isaiah liii.

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living:

Lyrics from the Bible.

for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.



Lauda Sterilis. The Prophecy to the
Gentiles.—Isaiah liv.

SING, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations:

Lyrics from the Bible.

spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes ;

For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left ; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Fear not ; for thou shalt not be ashamed : neither be thou confounded ; for thou shalt not be put to shame : for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

For thy Maker is thine husband ; the Lord of hosts is his name ; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel ; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee ; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment ; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

For this is as the waters of Noah unto me : for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth ; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed ; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Lyrics from the Bible.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and no comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Venite ad Aguas.

The Call to Repent-
ance.—Isaiah lv.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread ? and your labour for that which satisfieth not ? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me : hear, and your soul shall live ; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel ; for he hath glorified thee.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near :

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts : and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Lyrics from the Bible.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my
thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow
from heaven, and returneth not thither, but
watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth
and bud, that it may give seed to the sower,
and bread to the eater :

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of
my mouth : it shall not return unto me void,
but it shall accomplish that which I please, and
it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth
with peace : the mountains and the hills shall
break forth before you into singing, and all the
trees of the field shall clap their hands. ' .

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir
tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle tree : and it shall be to the Lord for a
name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off.



Justus Perit.

The Peace of the Just.
—Isaiah lvii.

THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth
it to heart : and merciful men are taken away,
none considering that the righteous is taken
away from the evil to come.

He shall enter into peace : they shall rest in

Lyrics from the Bible.

their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.

And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell.

Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him,

Lyrics from the Bible

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.



Non Est Abbreviatur.

The Salvation of God.
—Isaiah lix.

BEHOLD, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood : their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity ; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

The way of peace they know not ; and there is no judgment in their goings : they have made them crooked paths : whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us ; we wait for light, but behold obscurity : for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes : we stumble at noon day as in the night ; we are in desolate places as dead men.

We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves : we look for judgment, but there is none ; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us : for our transgressions are with us ; and as for our iniquities, we know them ;

In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off : for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

Yea, truth faileth ; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey : and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor : therefore his arm brought salvation unto him ; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head ; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies ; to the islands he will repay recompence.

So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord ; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Surge,
Illuminare.

The Glory of the Lord.
—Isaiah lx.

ARISE, shine ; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people : but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see : all they gather themselves together, they come to thee : thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged ; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah ; all they from Sheba shall come : they shall bring gold and incense ; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee : they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee : for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually ; they shall not be shut day nor night ; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish ; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary ; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee ; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet ; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles,

Lyrics from the Bible.

and shalt suck the breast of kings : and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron : I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders ; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day ; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee : but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Thy sun shall no more go down : neither shall thy moon withdraw itself : for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Thy people also shall be all righteous : they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation : I the Lord will hasten it in his time.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Spiritus Domini.

A Prophecy of Deliverance.—Isaiah lxi.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me ; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound ;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God ; to comfort all that mourn ;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord : men shall call you the Ministers of our God : ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

For your shame ye shall have double ; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion :

Lyrics from the Bible.

therefore in their land they shall possess the double : everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering ; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people : all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God ; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth ; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.



. Propter Zion.

The City not Forsaken.
—Isaiah lxii.

FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory : and thou shalt be

Lyrics from the Bible.

called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence,

And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.



Quis Est Iste.

The Lord's Mercy and Vengeance.—Isaiah lxiii.

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury: and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?

That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory : where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not : thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer ; thy name is from everlasting.

O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while : our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

We are thine : thou never barest rule over them ; they were not called by thy name.



Utinam Dirum-
peres Cœlos.

The Cry to the Lord.—
Isaiah lxiv.

OH that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

When thou didst terrible things which we

Lyrics from the Bible.

looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

The holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

Lyrics from the Bible.

Hæc Dicit
Dominus.

The new Heaven and
the new Earth.—Isaiah
lxv.

THUS saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not ; for a blessing is in it : so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains : and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds* to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

But ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter : because when I called, ye did not answer ; when I spake, ye did not hear ; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry : behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty : behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed :

Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of

Lyrics from the Bible.

heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen : for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name :

That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth ; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth ; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth : and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create : for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people : and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days : for the child shall die an hundred years old ; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them ; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build, and another inhabit ; they shall not plant, and another eat : for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring

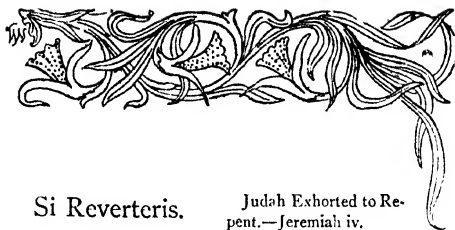
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forth for trouble ; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer ; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock : and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.





Si Reverteris.

Judah Exhorted to Repent.—Jeremiah iv.

IF thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

And thou shalt swear, The Lord liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defended city.

Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

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The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned back from us.

And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

Even a full wind from these places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them.

Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

Make ye mention to the nations; behold,

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publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

As keepers of a field, are they against her round about ; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the Lord.

Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee ; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

My bowels, my bowels ! I am pained at my very heart ; my heart maketh a noise in me I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Destruction upon destruction is cried ; for the whole land is spoiled : suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment.

How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet ?

For my people is foolish, they have not known me ; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding : they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void ; and the heavens, and they had no light.

I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were

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speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.

Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have

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known : and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come ; and send for cunning women, that they may come :

And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled ! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

Yet hear the word of the Lord, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

Speak, Thus saith the Lord, Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches :

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth : for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

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Deducant Oculi.

A Lamentation.—Jeremiah xiv.

LET mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.

Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee.

Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Lord our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.



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Peccatum Juda. The Sin of Judah.— Jeremiah xvii.

THE sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond : it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars ;

Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

And ^athou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee ; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not : for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

Thus saith the Lord ; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh ; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green ; and shall not be care-

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ful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked : who can know it ?

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not ; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved : for thou art my praise.

Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord ? let it come now.

As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee : neither have I desired the woeful day ; thou knowest : that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

Be not a terror unto me : thou art my hope in the day of evil.

Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded : let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed : bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

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Væ Pastoribus. Against False Prophets.
—Jeremiah xxiii.

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.

And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our righteousness.



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Vocem
Audivimus.

The Return of the Jews.
—Jeremiah xxx.

WE have heard a voice of trembling, of fear,
and not of peace.

Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth
travail with child? wherefore do I see every
man with his hands on his loins, as a woman
in travail, and all faces are turned into pale-
ness?

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is
like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble;
but he shall be saved out of it.

For it shall come to pass in that day, saith
the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke
from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds,
and strangers shall no more serve themselves of
him:

But they shall serve the Lord their God, and
David their king, whom I will raise up unto
them.

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob,
saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel:
for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed
from the land of their captivity; and Jacob
shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet,
and none shall make him afraid.

For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save
thee: though I make a full end of all nations
whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not

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make a full end of thee : but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

For thus saith the Lord, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up : thou hast no healing medicines.

All thy lovers have forgotten thee ; they seek thee not ; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity ; because thy sins were increased.

Why criest thou for thine affliction ? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity : because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured ; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity ; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord ; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Thus saith the Lord ; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces ; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry : and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few ;

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I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them ; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me : for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me ? saith the Lord.

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind : it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart : in the latter days ye shall consider it.



Dicit Dominus.

The Restoration of
Israel.—Jeremiah xxxi.

AT the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus saith the Lord, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness ; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an ever-

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lasting love : therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel : thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria : the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

For thus saith the Lord ; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations : publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together : a great company shall return thither.

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them : I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble : for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and

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ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God.

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Surely after that I was turned, I repented ;
and after that I was instructed, I smote upon
my thigh : I was ashamed, yea, even con-
founded, because I did bear the reproach of
my youth.

Is Ephraim my dear son ? is he a pleasant
child ? for since I spake against him, I do
earnestly remember him still : therefore my
bowels are troubled for him ; I will surely
have mercy upon him, saith the Lord.

Set thee up waymarks, make thee high
heaps : set thine heart toward the highway,
even the way which thou wentest : turn again,
O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy
cities.

How long wilt thou go about, O thou back-
sliding daughter ? for the Lord hath created a
new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass
a man.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of
Israel ; As yet they shall use this speech in the
land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when
I shall bring again their captivity ; The Lord
bless thee, O habitation of justice, and moun-
tain of holiness.

And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and
in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen,
and they that go forth with flocks.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I
have replenished every sorrowful soul.

Upon this I awaked, and beheld ; and my
sleep was sweet unto me.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that
I will sow the house of Israel and the house of

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Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict ; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.

In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.

But every one shall die for his own iniquity : every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah :

Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt ; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord :

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel ; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts ; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord : for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord : for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar ; The Lord of hosts is his name :

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Thus saith the Lord ; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

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Præparate Scutum.

The Overthrow of Pharaoh's
Army at Euphrates Prophe-
sied.—Jeremiah xlvii.

ORDER ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

Harness the horses ; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets ; furnish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back ? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back : for fear was round about, saith the Lord.

Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape ; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

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Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.

For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; for thou shalt not be cured.

The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.



Ad Moab.

The Judgment of Moab.
—Jeremiah xlviii.

AGAINST Moab thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded and taken: Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

There shall be no more praise of Moab: in

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Heshbon they have devised evil against it ;
come, and let us cut it off from being a nation.
Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen ; the
sword shall pursue thee.

A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim,
spoiling and great destruction.

Moab is destroyed ; her little ones have
caused a cry to be heard.

For in the going up of Luhith continual
weeping shall go up ; for in the going down of
Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of
destruction.

Flee, save your lives, and be like the leath in
the wilderness. *

For because thou hast trusted in thy works
and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken :
and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with
his priests and his princes together.

And the spoiler shall come upon every city,
and no city shall escape : the valley also shall
perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the
Lord hath spoken.

Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and
get away : for the cities thereof shall be de-
solate, without any to dwell therein.

Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord
deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back
his sword from blood.

Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and
he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been
emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he
gone into captivity : therefore his taste re-
mained in him, and his scent is not changed.

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the

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Lord, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.

And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war?

Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts.

The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

All ye that are about him, bemoan him ; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod !

Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst ; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.

O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy ; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done ?

Moab is confounded ; for it is broken down : howl and cry ; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,

And judgment is come upon the plain country ; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,

And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

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And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the Lord.

Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against the Lord: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skipperst for joy.

O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

I know his wrath, saith the Lord; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.

Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.

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From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old : for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the Lord, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like^a pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres : because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped : upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.

There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof : for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the Lord.

They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down ! how hath Moab turned the back with shame ! so shall Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

For thus saith the Lord ; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the Lord.

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be

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upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord.

He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit ; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare : for I will bring upon it, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the Lord.

They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force : but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

Woe be unto thee, O Moab ! the people of Chemosh perisheth : for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.



Annuntiate in Gentibus.

The Word that the Lord spake against Babylon and against the Land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the Prophet.—Jeremiah l.

DECLARE ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard ; publish, and conceal not : say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces ; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate,

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and none shall dwell therein : they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping : they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.

They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

My people hath been lost sheep : their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains : they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

All that found them have devoured them : and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, even the Lord, the hope of their fathers.

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country : and they shall set themselves in array against her ; from thence she shall be taken : their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man ; none shall return in vain.

And Chaldea shall be a spoil : all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the Lord.

Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O

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ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls ;

Your mother shall be sore confounded ; she that bare you shall be ashamed : behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate : every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about : all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows : for she hath sinned against the Lord.

Shout against her round about : she hath given her hand : her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down : for it is the vengeance of the Lord : take vengeance upon her ; as she hath done, do unto her.

Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest : for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

Israel is a scattered sheep ; the lions have driven him away : first the king of Assyria hath devoured him ; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel ; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

And I will bring Israel again to his habita-

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tion, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none ; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found : for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod : waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the Lord, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.

How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken ! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations !

I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware : thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the Lord.

The Lord hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation : for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses : cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly : let nothing of her be left.

Slay all her bullocks ; let them go down to the slaughter : woe unto them ! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

The voice of them that flee and escape out

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of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Call together the archers against Babylon : all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about ; let none thereof escape : recompense her according to her work ; according to all that she hath done, do unto her : for she hath been proud against the Lord, against the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the Lord.

Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts : for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee.

And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up : and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts ; 'The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together : and all that took them captives held them fast ; they refused to let them go.

Their Redeemer is strong ; the Lord of hosts is his name : he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men.

A sword is upon the liars ; and they shall

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dote : a sword is upon her mighty men ; and they shall be dismayed.

A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her ; and they shall become as women : a sword is upon her treasures ; and they shall be robbed.

A drought is upon her waters ; and they shall be dried up : for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.

Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein : and it shall be no more inhabited for ever ; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord ; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

They shall hold the bow and the lance : they are cruel ; and will not shew mercy : their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble : anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong : but I will make them suddenly run

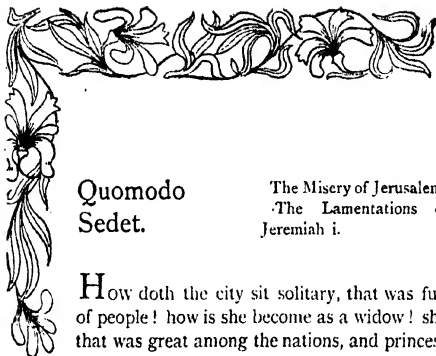
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away from her : and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

Therefore hear ye the counsel of the Lord, that he hath taken against Babylon ; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans : Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out : surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.





Quomodo Sedet.

The Misery of Jerusalem.
The Lamentations of
Jeremiah i.

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people ! how is she become as a widow ! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary !

She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks : among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her : all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude : she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest : all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts : all her gates are desolate : her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper ; for the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions : her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty

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is departed : her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her : the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

Jerusalem hath grievously sinned ; therefore she is removed : all that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness : yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

Her filthiness is in her skirts ; she remembereth not her last end ; therefore she came down wonderfully : she had no comforter. O Lord, behold my affliction : for the enemy hath magnified himself.

The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things : for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.

All her people sigh, they seek bread ; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul : see, O Lord, and consider ; for I am become vile.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by ? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them : he hath spread

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a net for my feet, he hath turned me back :
he hath made me desolate and faint all the
day.

The yoke of my transgressions is bound by
his hand : they are wreathed, and come up
upon my neck : he hath made my strength to
fall, the Lord hath delivered me into their
hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

The Lord hath trodden under foot all my
mighty men in the midst of me : he hath called
an assembly against me to crush my young
men : the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the
daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.

For these things I weep ; mine eye, mine eye
runneth down with water, because the com-
forter that should relieve my soul is far from
me : my children are desolate, because the
enemy prevailed.

Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there
is none to comfort her : the Lord hath com-
manded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries
should be round about him : Jerusalem is as a
menstruous woman among them.

The Lord is righteous ; for I have rebelled
against his commandment : hear, I pray you,
all people, and behold my sorrow : my virgins
and my young men are gone into captivity.

I called for my lovers, but they deceived me :
my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost
in the city, while they sought their meat to
relieve their souls.

Behold, O Lord ; for I am in distress : my
bowels are troubled ; mine heart is turned
within me ; for I have grievously rebelled :

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abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.

Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.



Obscuratum Est Zion's Pitiful Estate.—
Aurum. Lamentations iv.

How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

Even the sea monsters draw out th^r: breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

They that did feed delicately are desolate in

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the streets : they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire :

Their visage is blacker than a coal ; they are not known in the streets : their skin cleaveth to their bones ; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger : for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children : they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

The Lord hath accomplished his fury ; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.





Finis Venit,
Venit Finis.

Thus saith the Lord
God unto the land of
Israel.—Ezekiel vii.

AN end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.

An end is come, the end is come. it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.

The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.

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And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity : I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee ; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth.

Behold the day, behold, it is come : the morning is gone forth ; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness : none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's : neither shall there be wailing for them.

The time is come, the day draweth near : let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn : for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive : for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return ; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready ; but none goeth to the battle : for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within : he that is in the field shall die with the sword ; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

They shall also gird themselves with sack-

Lyrics from the Bible.

cloth, and horror shall cover them ; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed : their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord : they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels : because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty : but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein : therefore have I set it far from them.

And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil ; and they shall pollute it.

My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place : for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

Make a chain : for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses : I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease ; and their holy places shall be defiled.

Destruction cometh ; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour ; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet ; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

The king shall mourn, and the prince shall

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be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled : I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them ; and they shall know that I am the Lord.



Væ Prophetis. Reproof of False Prophets. — Ezekiel xiii.

WOE unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing !

O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith : and the Lord hath not sent them : and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it ; albeit I have not spoken ?

Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies : they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land

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of Israel ; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace ; and there was no peace ; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar :

Say unto them which daubed it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall : there shall be an overflowing shower ; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall ; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it ?

Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury ; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof ; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more ; neither they that daubed it ;

To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

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Væ quæ Con-
suunt.

Reproof of False
Prophetesses.—Ezekiel
xiii.

WOE to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?

And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.

Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

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Aquila Grandis. The Parable of Two
Eagles and a Vine.—
Ezekiel xvii.

A GREAT eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar :

He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick ; he set it in a city of merchants.

He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field ; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him : so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers : and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God ; Shall it prosper ? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither ?

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it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring,
even without great power or many people to
pluck it up by the roots thereof.

Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper?
shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind
toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where
it grew.

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto
me, saying,

Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye
not what these things mean? tell them, Be-
hold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem,
and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes
thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

And hath taken of the king's seed, and made
a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of
him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

That the kingdom might be base, that it
might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of
his covenant it might stand.

But he rebelled against him in sending his
ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give
him horses and much people. Shall he prosper?
shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall
he break the covenant, and be delivered?

As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the
place where the king dwelleth that made him
king, whose oath he despised, and whose
covenant he brake, even with him in the midst
of Babylon he shall die.

Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army
and great company make for him in the war,
by casting up mounts, and building forts, to
cut off many persons:

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Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds : and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken it.

Thus saith the Lord God ; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it ; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent :

In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it : and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar : and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing ; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish : I the Lord have spoken and have done it.

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Quare Mater. A Lamentation for the
Princes of Israel.—Ezekiel
xix.

WHAT is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions.

And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.

Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion.

And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.

Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood,

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planted by the waters : she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.

And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit : her strong rods were broken and withered ; the fire consumed them

And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.



Fili Hominis.

The Power of Nebuchadrezzar. — Ezekiel xxvi.

SON of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Alas, she is broken that was the gates of the people : she is turned unto me : I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste :

Therefore thus saith the Lord God ; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers : I will also scrape

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her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise and they shall break down thy walls, and' destroy thy

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pleasant houses : and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease ; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

And I will make thee like the top of a rock . thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon ; thou shalt be built no more : for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

Thus saith the Lord God to Tyrus ; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee ?

Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments ; they shall clothe themselves with trembling ; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.

And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it !

Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall ; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

For thus saith the Lord God ; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited ; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee ;

Lyrics from the Bible.

When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited ; and I shall set glory in the land of the living ;

I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more : though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.



Assume super
Tyrum
Lamentum.

The Lamentation for
Tyrus.—Ezekiel xxvii.

THE word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus ;

And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God ; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Senir : they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars ; the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim.

Fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail ; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.

The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners : thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots.

The ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers : all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war : they hanged the shield and helmet in thee ; they set forth thy comeliness.

The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and the Gamadims were in thy towers : they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about ; they have made thy beauty perfect.

Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches ; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.

Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants : they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.

They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

The men of Dedan were thy merchants ; many isles were the merchandise of thine hand :

Lyrics from the Bible.

they brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony.

Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making : they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.

Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants : they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.

Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches ; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.

Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs : bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

Dedan was thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots.

Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats : in these were they thy merchants.

The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy merchants : they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, were thy merchants.

These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

Lyrics from the Bible.

The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market : and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

'Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters : the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land ;

And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes :

And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter wailing.

And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea ?

When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people ; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

Lyrics from the Bible.

In the time when thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt be any more.



Cui Similis.

The Admonition of
Pharaoh.—Ezekiel xxxi.

WHOM art thou like in thy greatness?

Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the

Lyrics from the Bible.

beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs,

Lyrics from the Bible.

neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water : for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

Thus saith the Lord God ; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning : I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed : and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit : and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword ; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.

To-whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden ? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth : thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Cum Induxero.

The Sword of Judgment.—Ezekiel xxxiii.

WHEN I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman :

If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people ;

Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning ; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning ; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned ; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity ; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

So thou, O Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel ; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die ; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity ; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it ; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity ; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel ; Thus ye speak, saying,

If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live ?

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked ; but that the wicked turn from his way and live : turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways ; for why will ye die, O house of Israel ?

Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression : as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness ; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live ; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered ; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die ; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right ;

If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life,

Lyrics from the Bible.

without committing iniquity ; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him : he hath done that which is lawful and right ; he shall surely • live.

Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal : but as for them, their way is not equal.

When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.



Non Propter
Vos.

Israel is Comforted.--
Ezekiel xxxvi.

I DO not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them ; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith

Lyrics from the Bible.

the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean : from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers ; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

I will also save you from all your uncleannesses : and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you : be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

Thus saith the Lord God ; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities

Lyrics from the Bible.

I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate. I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.

Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.



Manus Domini.

The Resurrection of Dry
Bones.—Ezekiel xxxvii.

THE hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones. And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they

Lyrics from the Bible.

were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again, he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: Behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God;

Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And ye shall know that I am the Lord,
when I have opened your graves, O my people,
and brought you up out of your graves,

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall
live, and I shall place you in your own land :
then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken
it, and performed it, saith the Lord.





Quia Ventum Seminabunt.

The Destruction of
Israel.—Hosea viii.

SET the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

- Israel hath cast off the thing that is good : the enemy shall pursue him.

They have set up kings, but not by me : they have made princes, and I knew it not : of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off ; mine anger is kindled against them : how long will it be ere they attain to innocency ?

For from Israel was it also : the workman made it ; therefore it is not God : but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind : it hath no stalk : the bud shall yield no meal : if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Israel is swallowed up : now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.

Lyrics from the Bible.

For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself : Ephraim hath hired lovers.

Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it ; but the Lord accepteth them not ; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins : they shall return to Egypt.

For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples ; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities : but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.



Canite Tuba.

The Terror of God's
Judgment.—Joel ii.

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain : let all the inhabitants of the land tremble : for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand ;

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains : a great people and a strong ; there hath not been ever

Lyrics from the Bible.

the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of

Lyrics from the Bible.

the Lord is great and very terrible ; and who can abide it ?

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning :

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God : for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him ; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God ?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly :

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts : let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach that the heathen should rule over them : wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God ?

Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith : and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen :

But I will remove far off from you the

Lyrics from the Bible.

northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

Fear not, O land ; be glad and rejoice : for the Lord will do great things.

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field : for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God : for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you : and my people shall never be ashamed.

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else : and my people shall never be ashamed.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your

Lyrics from the Bible.

old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions :

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered : for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.



Hæc Dicit
Dominus.

God's judgment against
Israel.— Amos iii.

YOU only have I known of all the families of the earth : therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed ?

Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey ? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing ?

Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth,

Lyrics from the Bible.

where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

For they know not to do right, saith the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

Thus saith the Lord; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts,

That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And I will smite the winter house with the summer house ; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord.



Virgo Israel Projecta Est.

A Lamentation for
Israel.—Amos v.

THE virgin of Israel is fallen ; she shall no more rise : she is forsaken upon her land ; there is none to raise her up.

For thus saith the Lord God ; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live :

But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba : for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought.

Seek the Lord, and ye shall live ; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el.

Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into

Lyrics from the Bible.

the morning, and maketh the day dark with night : that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth : The Lord is his name :

That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat : ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them ; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins : they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time ; for it is an evil time.

Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live : and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

I hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate : it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus ; Wailing shall be in all streets ; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas ! alas ! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

Lyrics from the Bible.

And in all vineyards shall be wailing : for I will pass through thee, saith the Lord.

Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord ! to what end is it for you ? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him ; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light ? even very dark, and no brightness in it ?

I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them : neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs : for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel ?

But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Surge, Con- tende Judicio.

God's Controversy with
Man.—Micah vi.

HEAR ye now what the Lord saith ; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth : for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

O my people, what have I done unto thee ? and wherein have I wearied thee ? testify against me.

For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants ; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal ; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God ? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old ?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil ? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul ?

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good :

Lyrics from the Bible.

and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

'The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name : hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

'Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate because of thy sins.

Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied ; and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee ; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver ; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap ; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil ; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their councils ; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing : therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Domine Audivi. Habakkuk's Prayer.—
Habakkuk iii.

O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid : O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known ; in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

And his brightness was as the light ; he had horns coming out of his hand : and there was the hiding of his power.

Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

He stood, and measured the earth : he beheld, and drove asunder the nations ; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow : his ways are everlasting.

I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction : and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Was the Lord displeased against the rivers ? was thine anger against the rivers ? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation ?

Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes even thy word. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

The mountains saw thee, and they trembled : the overflowing of the water passed by : the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

The sun and moon stood still in their

Lyrics from the Bible.

habitation : at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed ; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck.

Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages : they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me : their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters.

When I heard, my belly trembled ; my lips quivered at the voice : rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble : when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines ; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat ; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls :

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Aperi Libane. **The Staves of Beauty
and Bands. — Zechariah
xi.**

OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire
may devour thy cedars.

Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen;
because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye
oaks of Bashan: for the forest of the vintage is
come down.

There is a voice of the howling of the shep-
herds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of
the roaring of young lions; for the pride of
Jordan is spoiled.

Thus saith the Lord my God; Feed the
flock of the slaughter;

Whose possessors slay them, and hold them-
selves not guilty: and they that sell them say,
Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich: and their
own shepherds pity them not.

For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the
land, saith the Lord: but, lo, I will deliver the
men every one into his neighbour's hand, and
into the hand of his king: and they shall
smite the land, and out of their hand I will not
deliver them.

And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even
you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me
two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the
other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

Three shepherds also I cut off in one month;
and my soul lothed them, and their soul also
abhorred me.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord.

And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.



Ecce Ego
Mitto.

The Messenger.—
Malachi iii.

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Lyrics from the Bible.

But who may abide the day of his coming?
and who shall stand when he appeareth? for
he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's sope :

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of
silver : and he shall purify the sons of Levi,
and purge them as gold and silver, that they
may offer unto the Lord an offering in
righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and
Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the
days of old, and as in former years.

And I will come near to you to judgment ;
and I will be a swift witness against the
sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and
against false swearers, and against those that
oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow,
and the fatherless, and that turn aside the
stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith
the Lord of hosts.

For I am the Lord, I change not ; there-
fore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are
gone away from mine ordinances, and have not
képt them. Return unto me, and I will return
unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.





Magnificat.

St Luke i.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his
handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all
generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great
things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from
generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he
hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their
seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy;

As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and
to his seed for ever.



Lyrics from the Bible.

Benedictus.

St Luke i.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel ; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began :

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us ;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant ;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways ;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God ; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lyrics from the Bible.

Nunc Dimittis.

St Luke ii.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word :

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people ;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory
of thy people Israel.





HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS.

ECCLESIASTES XL-XII.

QOHELETH (Ecclesiastes) is not really the work of Solomon. The language, the tone, the social and political allusions, shew that it is, in fact, the product of a far later age. The author of *Qohéleth* must have lived when the Jews had lost their national independence, and formed but a province of the Persian empire, — perhaps even later, when they had passed under the rule of the Greeks. (third century B.C.).”—(CANON DRIVER.)

THE SONG OF SONGS.

According to Ewald and other critics, the Song of Songs may be treated as in some sort a lyric drama, and divided into five acts; viz.—Act i.—ch. i to ch. ii. v. 7; Act ii.—ch. ii. v. 8 to ch. iii. v. 5; Act iii.—ch. iii. v. 6 to ch. v. v. 8; Act iv.—ch. v. v. 9 to ch. viii. v. 4; Act v.—ch. viii. v. 5-14. The persons of the drama are the Shulamite, her lover, his royal rival Solomon; with a chorus of ladies of the court, citizens and shepherds. Modern criticism points to the song being purely a love poem, dating from post-exilic times; if an earlier production, it probably belongs to northern Palestine.

ISAIAH.

Isaiah's prophecies range from the end of Uzziah's reign, 740 B.C., over the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and

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Hezekiah; while on the side of the enemies of Israel and Judah, we have the great names of Tiglath Pileser II. (745 B.C.), Sargon (722 B.C.), and Sennacherib (705 B.C.). The later chapters of the book (xl.-lxvi.) are probably not the work of Isaiah, but of some later prophet, living in exile at the close of the Babylonian Captivity; Isaiah's own prophecies were written *in* Jerusalem itself.

JEREMIAH.

Jeremiah is first publicly known as a prophet in 626 B.C., the thirteenth year of King Josiah's reign, "five years before the memorable year in which the 'Book of the Law' was found by Hilkiah in the Temple." "The process by which the Book of Jeremiah assumed its present form can only be represented by conjecture. The chronological disorder, and the dislocations, may be regarded as decisive against the opinion that the prophecies were arranged as we now have them by Jeremiah himself, or even by his scribe Baruch. Probably the collection was not formed before the close of the exile."—(DRIVER).

EZEKIEL.

Ezekiel's prophecies were written in Babylonian exile, on the banks of the Chebar. They are full of exilic feeling about an imperilled and the a fallen Jerusalem; and they range from 592-570 B.C. The destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar came in 586 B.C. Ezekiel had his call to prophecy in the fifth year of that exile, which he shared with so many others of the aristocracy of Jerusalem, and with Jehoiachin. His own book, which probably comes down to us very much as it left his own hand, may tell the rest.

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HOSEA.

The prophecies of Hosea date from Jeroboam II. (786 B.C.) and his successors; they were written in the north, with Tiglath-Pileser and his Assyrians imminent in Samaria.

JOEL.

Joel is probably to be assigned to the period after the Captivity; but no very precise chronology can be fixed for his book, in the lack of sufficiently definite internal evidence.

AMOS.

Amos, one of the "herdmen of Tekoa," is probably to be assigned to the latter part of Jeroboam II.'s reign: about 760-746 B.C. As Canon Driver points out, he was not by any means rustic in his *style*, though his imagery might be as pastoral as his calling. In fact, he was no more uncultured than many other writers who have used pastoral effects to enforce divine and other arguments.

MICAH.

"Micah was a younger contemporary of Isaiah's."
—(DRIVER).

HABAKKUK.

Habakkuk prophesied towards the beginning of the Chaldean supremacy. . . . The precise date is difficult to fix."—(DRIVER.)

ZECHARIAH.

Zechariah's prophecies date from the earlier years of Darius Hystaspis, about 520 B.C.

MALACHI.

Is to be assigned to the period after the Captivity.

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